



ATTACHMENT A

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently amended) An isolated antibody that binds to the ~~specific~~-M31 subregion of the collagen binding domain having the sequence of amino acids 61-343 of the full length collagen binding protein of *Staphylococcus aureus*, ~~wherein said antibody prevents *S. aureus* infection.~~

2. (Currently amended) ~~The~~An antibody according to claim 1, wherein said antibody prevents *S. aureus* infection in a human.

3. (Currently amended) ~~An~~The antibody according to claim 1, wherein said antibody may be administered parenterally, orally, intranasally, subcutaneously or intravenously ~~is suitable for parenteral, oral, intranasal, subcutaneous, or intravenous administration to an animal.~~

4. (Currently amended) ~~An~~The antibody according to Claim 1 wherein the antibody is a monoclonal antibody.

5. (Currently amended) ~~An~~The antibody according to Claim 1 wherein the antibody is a polyclonal antibody.

6. (Currently amended) ~~An~~The isolated antisera containing an antibody according to Claim 1.

7. (Currently amended) ~~An~~The isolated antibody according to Claim 1 wherein the M31 subregion is encoded by a nucleic acid having the sequence of SEQ ID NO:3.

8. (Currently amended) ~~An~~The isolated antisera containing an antibody according to Claim 7.

9-16. (Canceled).